Appointments made by Mr. V. K. K. Menon, while District Munsiff of Vadakkancheri.

240. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) for how many days was Mr. V. K. K. Menon the District Munsiff of Vadakkancheri;

(b) did he make any appointments there during the short time he was the District Munsiff;

(c) how many appointments did he make;

(d) whom did he appoint and as what;

(e) were the appointees persons who had acted formerly or were they new hands;

(f) were there thrown-out hands or persons who had acted previously;

(g) are the appointees or any one of them Mr. Menon's servants or tenants?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— (a) From 30th Edavam 1110 to 3rd Mithunam 1110.

(b) Yes

(c) One.

(d), (e) and (f). A Christian was appointed as a peon by him seeing that there was none belonging to that community in the whole establishment of 30 peons.

(g) No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—With reference to question (f) may I know whether there were thrown out hands?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar—I understand that there were two thrown out hands then.

Water supply—Ernakulam Municipality.

241. A. Narayana Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) at what rate do the Government supply water to the Ernakulam Municipality; what amount was taken in by their last bill;

(2) was there any intention to charge the Municipality with any such sum originally;

(3) in calculating costs is the Municipality given credit for amounts by way of water tax and excess consumption for Government buildings in the Municipality;

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(4) how many Government buildings in the Municipality are supplied with water and what is the average quantity of water supplied to each of the buildings per day; what is the annual rental and what is the legitimate free allowance for each building?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:— (1) Re. 0—4—0 per 1,000 gallons. The cost of water supplied in June (last bill) is Rs. 2,329—13—0.

(2) Yes.

(3) The Municipality is charged for the quantity supplied to the Town after deducting the quantity consumed in the Government Institutions.

(4) A statement giving the required information is appended. *(Vide Appendix I).* Government buildings are not assessed for rental value.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon:—In British India for instance are not Municipalities charging Government buildings also for purposes of water supply and house tax?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—I want notice.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon:—As it is, the cost of water that we supply through free taps falls on the ratepayers and not on the Government. Is it a fact?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—The water consumed at the street hydrants is paid for by the Municipality.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon:—For meeting that charge the Municipality has to indent on the taxpayers.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—The Municipality is charging a water tax.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon:—Is the collection of water tax from private persons sufficient to meet the Bill of the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—I want notice.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon:—Do the Government give to the Municipality credit to the water supplied to the ships?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—The Municipality is charged only for the water that they actually consume in the town.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon:—With reference to Item Nos. 31, 32 and 33 in Appendix I are there kitchen and bathroom attached to the hostel?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—Yes.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon:—Do not the College authorities collect room rent from the boarders of the hostel?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—Yes, they do.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon:—And the Municipality is not given anything for the water consumed by the students?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—The Municipality is not charged for that.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon:—Is not the Municipality charging the local Bar Association for consumption of water and house tax?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:— The water consumed in that building is not charged by the Municipality.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon:—What is the charge that the Government fixes for the supply of water to Mattancherri?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—4 annas per thousand gallons.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon:—Do the Government collect anything towards the extra expenditure incurred for the conveyance of water through barges?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—4 annas is the inclusive rate.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon:—For pumping water into the tank also at Mattancherri no excess charge is made?

Mr. V. K Aravindaksha Menon:—No extra charge.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon:—Why is it that no extra charge is levied?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—4 annas per thousand gallons is the cost levied from the Ernakulam Municipality and Government thought that in the absence of a proper system of water supply to Mattancherri it may not be fair to charge them anything more than what is already charged.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon:— Were there demands from the Ernakulam Municipality to the effect that they may be shown the amounts collected from other sources as well as the Municipality so that they may know whether there is any gain or loss on account of the supply of Alwaye water?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—I want notice.

Mr. M. V. Cherian:— Will the Government be pleased to state whether any expenditure is charged on the Ernakulam Municipality for bringing the pipe line from Chowarra to Ernakulam?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:— No. The Ernakulam Municipality has not met any capital cost towards this water works.

Mr. M. V. Cherian:—For how many years were the Mattancherri Municipality and the Ernakulam Municipality having the benefit of this water supply?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—Mattancherri for six years and Ernakulam for 25 years.

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Mr. M. V. Cherian:— For how many years were the Ernakulam Municipality enjoying this water free of tax ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—They were charged even from the beginning for the water consumed. There was a meter at the head of the water works and the water consumed in Ernakulam was charged from the readings.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon:— Was not this Alwaye water a gift by His Highness the Maharaja to Ernakulam and Mattancherri ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—The installation was made out of the Government capital.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon:— What is the rate of water charged to Tatapuram ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:— It is 12 annas per thousand gallons.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon:— What is rate for domestic consumption ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—Rupee one per thousand gallons.

Mr. President:— All industrial consumers get cheaper rates than domestic consumers?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:— That was not the only reason. Because the Tata's are consuming large quantities of water the rate was fixed at 12 annas.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon:— What is the net gain to the Ernakulam Municipality for standing between the Government and the taxpayers ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:— The Municipality pays the Government 4 annas per thousand gallons and get rupee one for the same quantity.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:—Cannot the Government look upon the public of Ernakulam in preference to an outsider ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—The pro rata distribution charges are much greater in Ernakulam.

Hostel attached to the Maharaja's College.

242. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether denominational hostels are attached to the Maharaja's College now ;

(b) how many such hostels are there now;

(c) what is the number of boarders in each hostel this educational year ?

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APPENDIX I.

	Name of building.	Quantity supplied in June 1935. Average per day.
1.	Bandmen's quarters	484·66
2.	Do	355·33
3.	Chief Medical Officer's quarters	248·66
4.	Do	227·33
5.	Town Police station	292·00
6.	Cusba Police station	134·66
7.	Excise Commissioner's office	61·66
8.	Magistrate's court	111·66
9.	S. R. V. H. School	19·33
10.	Girls' High School	109·00
11.	G. T. School	275·33
12.	Cranganur Princes' Palace	86·33
13.	Residential Palace	823·66
14.	Krishna Vilas Palace N	49·33
15.	Do S	75·76
16.	Durbar Hall	9·33
17.	Veterinary Hospital	66
18.	Government stables	315·66
19.	Mechanical Assistant Engineer's office	157·33
20.	Sixteenth Prince's Palace	248·33
21.	Girls' Hostel	215·66
22.	Tankshed Palace Nalukettu	237·00
23.	Do Kitchen	13·66
24.	Munsiff's court	70·00
25.	Government Press	534·00
26.	Secretariat building S	13·33
27.	Do N	102·33
28.	Stamp Superintendent's office	32·66
29.	Chief Court	70·33
30.	Power House	22·23
31.	College Extensions	692·00
32.	Do Kitchen	261·00
33.	Do bathroom	971·00
34.	Old High School	30·66
35.	Staff quarters	161·66
36.	Anchal office	150·66
37.	General Hospital	7168·33
38.	Southern Division Assistant Engineer's office	74·66
39.	Christian Hostel	415·33
40.	M. L. C.'s quarters	166·33
41.	Boys' Scouts Buildings	62·66
42.	Town Hall	247·33
43.	Old Comptroller's office	180·00
44.	Guest House	59·33
45.	Do	27·66
46.	Forest Depot	53·00
47.	Sub-jail	157·00
48.	District Court	26·00
49.	Guest House Superintendent's quarters	84·66
50.	Ernakulam Oottupurah	210·00
51.	Taluk office	94·33
52.	Ferry waiting shed	22·33
53.	Diwan's Bungalow	401·00
54.	Do	86·00

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